

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Croteau et al.

Art Unit: Unassigned

Application No. Divisional

Filed: Concurrently herewith

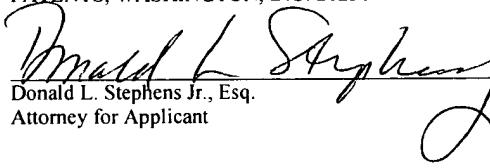
For: TRANSACYLASES OF THE PACLITAXEL  
BIOSYNTHETIC PATHWAY

Examiner: Unassigned

Date: May 25, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as being attached or enclosed herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on May 25, 2001 as Express Mail Label No. EL754019980US in an envelope addressed to: BOX PATENT APPLICATION. COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231.

  
Donald L. Stephens, Esq.  
Attorney for Applicant

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants request that the accompanying divisional application be amended in the following manner.

**In the specification:**

Please amend the description of "Cross Reference to Related Cases," page 1, lines 8-9 to read:

--This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/457,046, filed December 7, 1999, herein incorporated by reference, which is a continuation in part of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/411,145, filed September 30, 1999, herein incorporated by reference.--

**In the claims**

Please cancel claims 2, 7, 12-13, 15, 17, 19-22, 28-34, without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to include the priority claim to the co-pending parent application (Appl. No. 09/457,046). Following entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 14, 16, 18, 23-27 will remain in the instant application. Applicants have deleted claims 2, 7, 12-13, 15, 17, 19-22, 28-34 solely for the reason of presenting claims directed to Groups XV and XVII